

**PATENT APPLICATION**

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In re the Application of

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For: METHOD, SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR EFFECTING ELECTRONIC  
COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] The disclosure of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-113323 filed on April 14, 2000, including the specification, drawings and abstract, is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification is amended. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten paragraph (37 C.F.R. 1.121(b)(iii))

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Appendix

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APPENDIX

Changes to Specification:

The following is a marked-up version of the amended paragraph:

**[0001]** The disclosure of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-113323 filed on April 14, ~~2001~~ 2000, including the specification, drawings and abstract, is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.